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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 02/05/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/29/05
BRO-FRY	163,612	157,884
LT HENS	1,398	1,435
HVY HENS	1,309	1,066

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	315	0	315
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	359	0	359
Same week yr ago	221	0	221
To-date/2005	1,403	0	1,403
To-date/2004	1,219	18	1,237

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,622	1,024	2,646
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,810	1,205	3,015
Same week yr ago	1,495	1,255	2,750
To-date/2005	7,257	4,931	12,188
To-date/2004	6,706	5,091	11,797

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331
Avg Wt	5.28	3.01	8.11	5.25
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656
Same wk yr ago	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529
Avg Wt	5.26	3.50	8.02	5.74
To-date/2005	626,880	5,854	4,931	10,785
To-date/2004	614,714	5,487	5,073	10,560

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 2.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,677	17,831	49,856
Avg Weight	3.76	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%
Last week	23,130	21,664	42,602
Avg Weight	3.58	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	20,395	20,515	38,099
Avg Weight	3.82	4.70	6.51
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
To date/2005	73,090	58,700	141,506
To date/2004	60,642	58,839	114,671

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,502	2,533	17	3	4,055
Avg Wt	15.85	39.37	24.74	36.87	30.59
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Same wk yr ago	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
Avg Wt	15.19	36.68	23.80	36.47	27.93
To-date/2005	6,311	10,080	125	23	16,539
To-date/2004	6,696	9,715	172	25	16,608

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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